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TV Section
Inside

SCHUSSING, W.E.S. STYLE—Local downhillers aren't afraid to tackle the iciest descents. Without even the benefit of high-tech ski gear, these Woodstock Elementary School youngsters will challenge the toughest trails their schoolyard has to offer. They just put the weight on the turning bottom and go. But Mary Lawrence, below left, knows that it's always wise to take a little rest at the end of a hard run.

(Photos by Michael Daniels)

Quiet year, mutual aid help local chiefs cope with manpower shortages

By WENDY HANSCOM

Small town fire chiefs traditionally have had a shortage of volunteers, but mutual aid agreements between area departments are making it easier for firefighters to train and fight fires.

Local chiefs in the Bethel area also report that last year was a quiet year on the firefighting front—which also helped.

In Bethel, Chief James Young said the decrease in jobs available in the area is forcing members of his fire department to find work out of town, which means a few bodies are available to fight daytime fires.

"I still have as many men," said Young. "They just work out of town."

Regarding training, Young said increased state-mandated training requirements are making it harder for individual towns to train firefighters.

"All the small towns are going to have to do it together," said Young. "State requirements on training make it hard for small towns to do it by themselves."

In Greenwood, Assistant Fire Chief Raymond Seames said his men have trained with other area departments.

"For state training we've joined in with Woodstock, Newry, and Bethel," said Seames, "for some state firefighter classifications."

Enough volunteers is "always a problem," said Seames, but he said his

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WELCOMING RECEPTION

for
MADELEINE HENLEY

Bethel Town Manager
Friday, January 11, 1991
2:00-5:00 PM

Bethel Town Office Meeting Room
Please stop by and say hello.

Selectmen OK new storm-drain hook-up policies

The Bethel Board of Selectmen has approved three new policies for covering issues raised by this summer's planned Downtown Bethel Revitalization Project work. The policies deal with how far the storm drain and sewer line stubs will be extended, alternatives to hooking up to the storm drains, and a new financing option for some homeowners who must make the hook-up.

The policies, approved unanimously at this week's regular selectmen's meeting, were drafted by former Town Manager Rodney Lynch, who is currently serving as a consultant on the project.

The first policy calls for the town to extend the storm drain and sewer stubs only as far as the roadway right of way. The individual property owners will bear the responsibility and expense of making the connection in-

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Holiday skiers flock to area despite economy and weather

Sunday River snowmaking saves the day

The crucial Christmas-New Year's holiday week was a bust for most eastern ski areas—and the other businesses that depend on them—but the Bethel area, buoyed by the drawing power of Sunday River Skiway, proved a fortunate exception.

Across the Northeast, a recessionary economy and unseasonably warm, rainy weather combined to keep skiers away in droves.

But with its competitors acknowledging sharp drop-offs in skier visits over the season's most important week, Sunday River was once again announcing new attendance records.

Business at the Newry skiway was up 14 percent for the Christmas holiday period, according to Sunday River's Marketing Department, and

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Bethel Furniture Stock ranked in the nation's top 100 for sales growth

Bethel Furniture Stock has recently been selected by Wood and Wood Products Magazine as one of the country's top 100 growth companies in the secondary wood-products industry.

Based on percentile sales growth between 1988 and 1989, the West Bethel firm placed 71st nationwide, with sales increasing from \$2,947,000 in 1988 to just under \$3.5 million in 1989.

Company President Leon Favreau said he was pleased with the distinction, but he noted that sales growth did not necessarily equate to comparable growth in profits.

"I'd like to be able to say that profits have kept up with sales," he said, "but business is tough." He said he believed that increased profitability would come eventually.

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Withdrawal's good points and bad are spelled out in Newry report

By WENDY HANSCOM

If you happened to see a man or a woman skiing with a rifle on his or her back last weekend you may have seen a world-class athlete. The top biathlete in the country visited the area over the weekend in order to compete at the Biathlon National Championships and World Cup/Championships Team Trials, which were held at Black Mountain in Rumford.

Biathlon is an Olympic event that combines cross-country skiing with rifle marksmanship. Competitors ski over a groomed course and shoot at targets stationed at a set range. Skiers are penalized for missed shots with either an extra minute added to their ski time or a "penalty" lap.

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High-and-dry biathletes are rescued by local snow, hospitality

By SCOTT P. JEROME

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Water and ground temperatures for Jan. 7

Water and ground temperatures reported by the Bethel Water District for Monday, Jan. 7, were as follows:

Three feet 34 degrees
Four feet 37 degrees
Five feet 39 degrees
Six feet 40 degrees
Water Temp. 38 degrees

The report attempts to present the

cases for both withdrawal and for

staying in the district.

Chairman of the Newry Educational Committee Jim Sysko said when he prepared the report he tried to play "devil's advocate" for both sides of the issue. "The truth probably lies somewhere in between the two arguments," said Sysko.

THE CASE AGAINST

The report begins with the possible negative consequences of withdrawal. These include: the severing of friendships and social ties of students and parents, the impact on the remaining towns, and the dependency of a Newry School on Sunday River Ski Resort.

If Newry pulls out of the district, the number of students available for social interaction in grades K-8 will be limited, because of the small number of pupils who would attend a Newry elementary school.

The report also cautions that resentment may develop toward Newry, because the withdrawal may be seen as a selfish action taken only to save money, thus resulting in less cooperation from remaining district towns on other regional issues.

The resentment of other area towns may be promoted by the financial impact of Newry's withdrawal, the report contends. The state would only make

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The Telstar Drama Club
Cordially invites you to the final performance of
Our Town
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The play will take place in the Helen Berry Auditorium
Telstar Regional High School
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Letters to the editor

STOP LOSS IS ILLEGAL

To the Editor:

Do you know a serviceman whose active duty time has been involuntary extended beyond his set release date? I'm sure you do. There are thousands of them out there. Those people who thought they volunteered for a specific number of years of active duty but now find they are out on the date specified on their contracts.

This has happened to them because of the Stop Loss Program which was put into effect to keep the Army up to strength, the only way possible to do this because we have no draft.

It is obviously grossly unfair, but did you ever wonder if it is legal?

My son was wondering the same thing and he wrote Senator Sanford (D-N.C.) asking to see the legislation that covered his involuntary detention. Senator Sanford's reply was to the effect that the government has the authority to do this, but he refused to cite the enabling legislation my son specifically requested.

At that point my husband and I asked a lawyer to try to find the statute authority covering the Stop Loss Program. That was three weeks ago and he has not been able to find it. It appears there is none.

Does it scare you that thousands of American citizens have been placed in involuntary servitude, apparently without legal authority? It should.

Pat Buttermore
Bryant Pond

CANDLELITE VIGIL THANKS

To the Editor:

I want to thank all the people who came to the Candlelite Vigil.

Special thanks to:

Reverends Jean and Brendon Bass, George Larson, Charlie Raymond and Ed Hitchcock who offered prayers.

Chris Beam, Vietnam Veteran for his stirring speech.

Joek Clark peace songs.

And all who voiced their opinions against the terrible threat to our people in the Persian Gulf.

Please don't just give it lip service.

Let your government know what you think. Call or write now before it's too late. They owe it to us to take a stand.

Call the Comment Office, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The House, Tom Andrews, 207-774-7066 or Olympia Snowe, 202-225-6306. The Senate, George Mitchell, 202-224-5344 or William Cohen, 202-224-2523. The president: George Bush, 202-456-1111.

Stop a U.S. war in the Persian Gulf. Addresses of your national House and Senate members are available from your Post Office.

One more candle, one more shout, one more prayer, before it's too late. Bring our young men and women home safe and sound. Not in body bags.

Sue Farrar
Bethel

1918 CLUB

To the Editor:

On April 1, 1960 a man from Pennsylvania and a lady from Texas wanted friendship all over the world among 1918-born people of every race, color or creed. Anwar Sadat was a Maine Honorary Member.

The members have discovered there is a close bond of fellowship between people of the same age, who went to school during the same years; weathered the Depression and wars; married about the same time and raised families. They are now enjoying children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is comfortable to grow old together gracefully among understanding friends of the same age.

There are members from all over the United States, Canada and New Zealand. Thirty states have chapters and Maine is the seventh state to form a chapter in 1974. International Conventions are held every two years, since 1968 when members were 50 years old. Hosting conventions have been Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Washington, Missouri, California and Maine (twice). In June 1990 Maine hosted the 30th anniversary International Convention in South Portland with 303 attending. In June 1992 Denver, Colo. will host the 13th convention. Membership numbers go to number 4,832.

Beginning in 1974 an International King and Queen were chosen. This year Albert Judkins of West Peru

Pearl Koriath of Ohio were chosen. Our chapter holds luncheon meetings about six times a year. It is a time to greet old friends and meet new ones. At the Holiday Dinner meeting held on Dec. 8, 1990 at Valle's in Portland, 111 members and guests attended.

At this meeting, in lieu of a gift exchange, there was a truckload of gifts donated by those attending for "The Christmas Caravan." Gifts included toys and clothes for children through 12 years of age. Also at this meeting \$1,500 was donated to various charities and foundations.

If anyone born in 1918 is interested in learning more about the 1918 Club, please contact Secretary Louise Doughty, 53 Falmouth Road, Winchendon, Me., 04062. She will send an application for membership to International and for Maine Chapter.

The Maine chapter has 176 members. Past president Harold Sanborn of South Portland installed a new slate of officers. President, John Dowes Jr. of Portland; vice president, William Smith Jr. of Andover; secretary, Louise Doughty of Winchendon; and treasurer, Robert Webb of Westbrook. Former secretary, for the past eight years, Vicki Syrett of East Andover, was presented a plaque for her years of service and devotion to the Maine chapter. A gift was also presented to Robert Webb as outgoing president.

Violet P. Swain
East Andover

LAKESIDE DRIVE PLOWING

To the Editor:

To Whom it may Concern:

For the past 42 years Lakeside Drive from the cemetery at the head of the Lake to Abbott Anchorage has been built, maintained and a portion of it plowed. Accordingly, recipients gained more access to the lake and kept it open for year-round residents, but not so this year.

The Woodstock selectmen, in their wisdom, have decided to uphold a recently discovered town ruling dating back to 1949 to keep this section discontinued and not do anything about it till the next Town Meeting. Therefore, I'll be doing the plowing to keep the access to my home open. Obviously there is no need to do any more than necessary, so I'll be stopping at the end of my driveway. I apologize to the many users for any inconvenience that my snowbanks and icy conditions may cause, but I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place. I'm getting no help from the selectmen—they stand by their decision. You're more than welcome to use my driveway to turn around. Thank you.

Ken Ruff
Bethel

EB'S SLUMBER PARTY

To the Editor:

On Friday, Jan. 4, when the dismissal bell rang at Ethel Bisbee School, the children in Mrs. Ford/Mills' class did not rush to line up to board the buses. Rather they continued to work at the computer, or in the block center, or in the writing center, or in the reading loft. The day of their Slumber Party had arrived, and the children were preparing to stay at school overnight. Mark Vonderheide, Neil Donovan and Becky Gilbert arrived at school at 3 and took a group of hockey players and figure skaters up to the Bethel Common for two hours of ice time. Wendy Penley came to Bisbee at 3 to help with the preparation of snacks and the make-your-own pizza dinner. Althea Stevens and Joann Korhonen checked in at 5 as a part of the dessert and supper clean-up crew. Meg Ford and Greg Uncur, after helping with supper, took the children up to the classroom to learn the art of making friendship bracelets. Robin Zinchuk was also on the craft crew from 7-10 p.m. Lisa Vonderheide came at 7 to teach the children how to make salt paintings, after first coloring all the salt the children would use. Debbie Dennis arrived in time for supper, and joined the overnight crew with Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Korhonen, and Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Mills remained late into the evening, until Miss Olivia Mills needed some very special attention at home. At 6:30 a.m. Wendy Penley returned to help prepare breakfast for the children. Pat Donovan and Tammy Mills arrived shortly after 7:30 to help with the

general clean-up. Mrs. Stevens vacuumed the classroom. All the parents came to pick up their children at the appointed hour, and at 8:45 Ethel Bisbee School looked just like it always does on Saturday morning. The value of this experience for the children is almost immeasurable. Aspirations are raised in so many ways and social and emotional development is enhanced by activities outside the scope of the basic classroom curriculum. But it could not have happened without the dedication of the parent and community volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make the event a success. Mrs. Mills joins me in expressing our deep gratitude to everyone, and in letting you know we're thinking about our next classroom adventure.

Wendy T. Ford, M.Ed.
Teaching Principal
Ethel Bisbee School

JEFFERY SMITH IN GOLF

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to your article, "It's a sandy, not snowy, Christmas for local service people in the Gulf."

My husband is one of those local service people, and for some reason was not mentioned. We send him the Citizen every week and would like to have him included in the future if possible.

He is Jeffrey A. Smith. He is the son of the late Lewis K. Smith and Janice A. Hill. He grew up on Bloody Street in East Bethel and graduated from Telstar in 1978. Jeff joined the Army in April 1986, served two years in Germany and we have been stationed at Fort Hood, Texas since June 1988.

Jeff left for Operation Desert Shield on Sept. 29, 1990. We hear from him often, sometimes his morale is low and sometimes high. He knows that he has a job to do and he is proud to do it, as hard as it may be at times.

We have two children, Amber Rose, age nine, and Derek Scott, age seven. We are all very proud of Jeff. We miss him terribly but we watch and wait for his safe return.

Please include his address, it will help me to know he hasn't been forgotten.

His address is: Cpl. Jeffrey A. Smith,

007-59-9349, E Company, 227th Aviation Regiment, First Cavalry Division, Operation Desert Shield, APO, New York, N.Y., 03306-0350.

Elaine Smith

THANKS FOR ANDOVER RINK

To the Editor:

I would just like to thank the persons responsible for the new skating rink at the ballfield in Andover. It's so nice to look out my kitchen window and see people of all ages enjoying themselves, and in the last few days I've seen many, many, my daughter and her friends being among them.

So to whoever you are, thank you for plowing and flooding late at night in the cold. Many people are getting pleasure from your efforts.

Kim Stinson
Andover

SAVING RECYCLING SPACE

To the Editor:

Recycling seems to be working out reasonably well. However, the recycling bin and the new print trailer are not an annex to the landfill. Please let me know what you're thinking about our next classroom adventure.

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ANN HOLT HEADS SPECIAL ED

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for your stellar recognition of me and Androscoggin Home Health Services in this week's issue of your newspaper. Your printing was quite faithful, and treatment of the photography was kind. However, I have sat down to the word processor at this time because of an error in the process.

I must not take credit for achievement which is not mine.

In 1988, I retired from the position of Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services which included both the Special Education Department and the Chapter I, ESEA program. I am currently Coordinator of the Chapter I, ESEA for SAD #44 on a part-time basis.

The Department of Special Education Services, including FOCUS is administered by my colleague, Miss Ann Holt, M.Ed. Her accomplishments have enhanced the stature of the department organizationally and in the aspirations of her staff members and students. She has brought commendation to the district following her state review earlier in 1990—the envy of many other Maine school districts. I have been very proud to have been selected by her.

I hope that this will enlighten confused readers—from the feedback in my travels throughout the district there are many.

Mrs. Natalie H. Timberlake, M.Ed.

Coordinator, Chapter I,

ESEA, SAD #44

30-27 in the 7.5-kilometer event.

It is worth noting that 17-year-old Skinner would have placed third among the senior women in the 7.5 kilometer race if she had raced in the senior category; she did not miss one shot in the race.

Three Gould Academy students gave it their best shot in the junior races. Freshman Patrick Cote placed eighth in the 10-kilometer event, with a time of 57:10 while sophomore Guillermo de Ramel crossed the line at 1:06:35, earning 16th place.

In the 10-kilometer race Cote moved up to eighth place with a time of 36:55. Moving into 12th place was de Ramel, with a time of 39:32, and senior Jonathan Bingham placed 15th with his time of 39:32, and senior Jonathan Bingham placed 15th with his time of 48:35.

Gallenz noted that the race results are used not only to name a national champion, but also to pick a team to represent the United States in the 1991 World Championships and World Cup races.

Gallenz knows first hand what a trip to the World Championships can mean. He had the highest place finish for U.S. men last year at the World Championships in Oslo, Norway, where he scored a 19th place in the 10-kilometer event.

The women representing the United States at the Biathlon World Championships and the World Cup are Anderson, Beth Coats, Mary Osterberg, Joann Smith, Joann Gutschow, Pam Nordheim, and Sonnerup.

The men who will be flying to Europe are Duncan Douglas, Gallenz, Johnny Ingall, Rick Oliver, Schreiner, Josh Thompson, and Erich Wilbrecht.

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Skiers

duct offered by Sunday River. "I don't think this signals a long-term trend," King said of the influx from those states. The drive to Sunday River is just too long for them to make on a regular basis, he said, but when the snow is poor everywhere else, they know they can drive the extra distance and find excellent skiing here.

But wherever they may have come from, and whatever their reasons for choosing Sunday River, the skiers were a welcome sight to numerous other Bethel area businesses.

Immediately prior to the holiday week, as the economic and international signs darkened and the rains began to drizzle down, there was some concern that even skiers with reservations might not show up.

Fortunately, those fears proved unfounded. Local lodges remained full or nearly so over most of the holiday period, and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's Reservation Service was sending late arrivals as far away as Rumford, South Paris and Naples in search of beds for the night.

Local restaurants also report doing brisk business over the period.

The poor economy did, however, appear to influence this year's off-slope skier spending. Chamber Executive Director Robin Zinchuk reported that many of the skiers making lodging reservations asked for condominiums or efficiencies with cooking facilities so they could avoid the expense of eating out. This trend, she noted, has been increasingly apparent over the past two or three years.

And the staff in a number of local restaurants reported that the skiers who did go out to eat were spending (and drinking and tipping) a little less freely than in the past.

The holiday results were not so bright at Mt. Abram in Locke Mills, which reported that business was off by approximately 15 percent over the

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holiday period—in part because the area was forced to close on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day because of nearly 60 degree weather.

But the cold weather soon returned and Mt. Abram quickly had trails re-opened for skiers of all ability levels.

The staff remain undaunted: "We just hang in there and keep blowing snow," said Nancy Harrison, "and hope that somebody pays us back some day."

Policies

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to the building and of the plumbing extension between the building and the right of way.

Lynch said he was recommending the town stop its work at the right of way largely because of concerns about the liability exposure for any damage the contractors hired for the project might cause to buildings or real estate in the course of their work.

He noted that for most of the buildings included in the first phase of the project, the distance between the right of way and the building is short, and the connection should not be costly.

Some property owners, especially those along Sanding Brook, also have the option of running their cellar and foundation drains into natural outlets.

However, according to a second policy approved by the selectmen this week, the natural outlet must be approved by the sewage plant operator.

If no such outlet is available, or if the property owner chooses not to use this option, then the drainage must be hooked up to the town's storm drain at the time when the project work goes by the property.

The selectmen also adopted a third policy, intended to help property owners cover the cost of financing the

plumbing connections.

The policy provides for loans, financed with the town, and payable over a three-year period. Lynch said the interest for the loans had not been set but would probably be from 5 to 8 percent.

The loan policy is aimed at property owners who need help with the financing, but who do not meet the income guidelines required to be eligible for the Community Development Block Grant loan/grant program.

In other business this week, the selectmen instructed Town Manager Madeleine Henley to use an anticipated increase of 4 percent when calculating salary and benefit costs for the town employees in the coming year's budget.

In a change from past policy, however, the 4 percent increase figure will also have to cover the cost of any benefit increases—which in the past have been pick up by the town.

Henley estimated when anticipated increases in the cost of medical insurance are subtracted from the 4 percent figure, employees would be left with roughly 1 percent for actual salary increases.

New trails open for local nordic skiing fans, with free skiing this Saturday

Cross-country skiers have another skiing option open to them. Because of the lack of snow at its Oxford site, Carter's Cross-Country Ski Center has expanded into the Bethel area and opened 10 kilometers of new trails.

The new trails are located about 4½ miles from Rt. 2, on the Middle Inter-

val Road in Bethel.

Owner Dave Carter has been posting signs, clearing and grooming trails at the new site for the past few weeks.

The Grand Opening will be held Saturday, Jan. 12, and the skiing will be free.

The large area available for skiing features both tracked and skating trails winding through 20 acres of fields and woods.

For more information, call 836-2000.

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A Creative Dance Course will be held at Gould Academy beginning Jan. 14, from 7:45-9:30 p.m. The course will run for seven weeks.

This dance course is designed to introduce the student to dances from around the world, to help them enjoy learning dance technique, and to experience fun and fitness. No experience is required. Ages eight years old to seniors are invited. A fee of \$21 for seven classes is asked. To register, please contact the instructor, Diane Dupuis, at 928-2236.

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Fire Chiefs

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Woodstock and Greenwood to any structure fires."

Andover Fire Chief Ken Dixon said he's had some turnovers in manpower in his department, but new volunteers are coming in.

"I can never have enough manpower," said Dixon. "I guess that's one of the biggest handicaps to a volunteer fire department."

Dixon said his firefighters will continue to train for first response and rescue calls. Out of the 68 calls the department had last year, he said 35 of them were rescue calls. "We're getting a lot of exposure," he said.

Andover also has mutual aid agreements with Rumford, Roxbury, Bethel, and Newry.

In Newry, Fire Chief Virgil Conkright said, "We're doing pretty well. The least we've had turn out for a fire is four, and the most 12 or 15. The average is 7 or 8. We haven't had any shortage of manpower, but we don't get that many calls either. Three or four guys work at Sunday River, who leave during the day, and we have some retired people that help out."

The mutual aid agreements Newry has with other towns are also an asset to the department, added Conkright. "Mutual aid gives you the resources of the surrounding fire departments, their manpower and equipment," he said.

In Gilead, Fire Chief Jim Sweetser is trying to build up his fire department so that the town will no longer pay availability fees to Bethel.

He has about 14 firefighters in his department, three trucks, some recently purchased radios, and will be asking the town for funds for personal firefighting gear and air packs.

Sweetser said the department wants "to be able to handle ourselves. We have the equipment. It's too bad to let it sit there and pay somebody else."

In Woodstock, Fire Chief Don Hoyt said volunteers are in short supply, especially in the summertime.

"That's why we have a good mutual aid agreement with Greenwood," said Hoyt. "Oxford County Fire tones both

News from Woodstock School

A message from the principal.

I certainly hope your holiday season was joyful and restful.

We are at the beginning of the new year. With the new year comes the opportunity to make new resolutions and plans for the new year as we look back at the old.

To make myself accessible to parents and community members, I will plan to hold evening office hours. I will plan to be at the Woodstock School office on Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 4-6 p.m. and on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 4-6:30 p.m. Please come to visit and share your expectations and concerns. If you would prefer an appointment on a more convenient time, please call. I will try to accommodate your wishes.

The Reading Blizzard is off to a great start. The students are excited to participate in this program. Thanks to Mrs. McGuire for her efforts in this program, and thanks to the WPTA for the continued support of the RIF Book distributions before the end of the year.

Francis N. Boynton Principal

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SAD #44

Monday: Rotini salad, tomato soup (Teacher's choice of soup), crackers, vegetable sticks, Congo bars, tuna salad sandwich, milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, green beans, fruit, blueberry muffin, milk.

Wednesday: Hotdog with a bun, baked beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Meat pattie and gravy, mashed potato, peas, mixed desserts, hot cinnamon bun, milk.

Friday: Teachers workshop.

SAD #17

Baked beans, hotdog, coleslaw, roll with butter, fruit, milk.

Cheeseburger, buttered noodles, fruit, milk.

Tuna salad in a pita pocket, lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk.

Shepherd's pie, bread and butter, fruit, animal crackers, milk.

Submariner, sweet potato, green beans, dessert bar, milk.

Sign-ups rolling in for adult-ed programs

The SAD #44 Adult and Community Education program received over 107 registrations by more than 90 individuals for winter term classes and programs during the first day of registration, Jan. 2.

Director Cathy Newell reports that sign-ups are also brisk for the University of Maine courses offered at Telstar High School over the Interactive Television system. To date, students are enrolled in 16 college courses, with ITV classroom busy from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., as well as on Saturday.

Registrations are being received at the Adult and Community Education office, 824-2780. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and from 9-4 on Friday. The answering machine is on at other times for taking messages or registrations. The SAD #44 Adult and Community Education program achieved another technological milestone on Wednesday, when a registration was received via FAX machine. The FAX number is 824-2725.

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High Street West
 By VIVA WHITMAN

The storm or snow doesn't seem to have developed and hope it won't now. We have had enough for the time as far as I am concerned. I know skiers want snow but as we get older, we don't like to travel in the snow and storms. If only we could be young again, how nice it would be, no sense wishing for what can't be. At least Russell and Peggy can go to the eye doctors today without dreading the weather. Also guess to go to the dance tonight and guess they will be able to unless the weather changes which it does very often.

Last Monday was the day before Christmas and we were making plans to go to Auburn to my daughter's home for the day. I should have said that Russell and Peggy were as I had gone down on Sunday to do what I could to help. Wynona went into the store on Monday to help Michael with his many customers so I was busy alright. Made fudge for her, a graham cracker pie and helped the girls make Christmas cookies which took three times as long as though I had done them myself but the girls had a good time and that is what is important. I had fun watching them decorate the cookies after they were baked.

Tuesday was a big day and I didn't get up as early as I should have as everyone beat me downstairs but I was extra tired and the girls got up earlier than I had thought they might. Christmas excitement woke them up. The tree was loaded and we had quite a time opening some gifts without having breakfast. The girls were so excited they didn't want anything to eat. All were well remembered. Later in the morning,

Peggy, Russell, Tom and Charlotte Cole came to join us for dinner and the tree plus Helen and Jim Strout. Not as many there as last year but we had a good time. After the tree, we had a song fest or whatever one wants to call it. Charlotte had brought her guitar with her and played for us and we all sang Christmas carols, hymns and other songs. It is always nice to get together like that and enjoy the music.

I came home with Peggy and Charlotte in her car while Russell came home with Tom in his pick-up truck. Had lots of things to bring so needed the extra room to bring them. Tom's truck gave us that room.

I was real tired Wednesday and didn't do anything I didn't have to do. In fact I haven't done as much as I should have this week. Got three puzzles for Christmas and can't leave puzzles alone until I have put them together at least once. Have two of them all done and the third one almost done. It is the hardest of the three and is going slower.

Tom and Peggy have been down several nights this week to play cards and Saturday evening, we played trinominoes for a long evening. It gave us something to do and was fun.

The weather has been so nasty for the past few days that we couldn't get out to do much. Russell hasn't gotten in his daily walks as he doesn't like going out in the storm to do it.

Russell and Peggy are going to go to the eye doctors in Lewiston today but as Michael brought Karianne up to stay for a couple of days, I will stay home with her and play some games or make cookies or something to give her some fun. Her mother is with a friend who broke his hip while out on the ice. He had been skating but was just stan-

ding talking and went down and broke his hip. He is no spring chicken and older bones break more easily than younger ones. I'm not quite as old as that fellow but would hate to fall as I would expect to break bones also.

School will begin again after the first of January so everyone better be on their toes watching for the buses and stopping for the children waiting for the buses to come for them.

Impi and Raymond Mack gave a Christmas party on Christmas Eve and had as guests the following: Glen and Gloria Gray of South Paris; Sonsy and Victor Haverinen with Jennie; Chris Whittemore; Jay Whittemore and friend Lisa of Westbrook; Becky McKeen; Allen Lovejoy; Joel Martin; Elias and Faylene McKeen; Jolene Andrews; David Small of Kennebunkport; plus the Lovejoy family.

Maria Baxter spent Christmas with her family in Skowhegan and the whole family had Christmas with her brother David Brown in Norridgewalk.

Jennie Haverinen spent the day Thursday with the Lovejoy girls for a good time.

David Small was a caller at the Lovejoys during the holidays as were Priscilla Brett and Julie. Always nice to have callers at any time of the year.

I hope everyone will take care and have a good week ahead with a good year all year long.

Newry

By GILL SEELEY

Someone left a bag of cookies, etc., question mark, at my door Christmas day while I was out. I don't know who the kind person is. No name. I would like to thank whoever it is. I am eating them. Happy New Year.

Brent Bachelder of the Club Neopoli

Creations, and Terry O'Dowd both of West Warwick, R.I. have returned home after spending a few days celebrating Christmas holidays at Brent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Bachelder, in Newry. Guests for dinner were: Arlan and Heidi Littlefield and their two children Jody and Julie and Gill Seeley. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clark dropped in for a visit.

Ladies of Newry who went bowling at the Oxford Lanes were Betsy Clark, Karlene Bachelder, Sylvia Wright, Bea Lowell, Olive Anderson, Eleanor Davis and Gill Seeley. Rena Powers was a guest. Karlene was high on the triples beating Gill by two pins. She was also high on the singles with a string of 106. All went to lunch and it was Eleanor's birthday so she got a big cream puff free from the restaurant staff that she shared with some of her friends. She blew the candle and made a wish. Happy birthday Eleanor.

The Newry Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary had a successful food sale Dec. 29. The people who didn't have a chance to deliver some food will make up for it in donation of money at the next meeting Jan. 10 at Sunday River station.

This is my last column—I want to devote more time in writing my little

East Bethel

By NANCY H. MERCER

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Myra Foster had Christmas dinner with Jo Tyler in Dixfield.

Opie Tyler had dinner with Kenneth and Verlie Mason for Christmas. She visited Estlyn Gonneley in Oxford for Christmas.

Leslie Noyes had visits from Alice and Elsie Grant and Elsie's friend Dominic Manzer from Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mollicone and their son Philip Henry, Leslie Noyes' great-grandson, visited on New Year's weekend. They came from Texas on their way to Cambridge, England. Marilyn Mollicone is visiting from Augusta. This is the first time she has seen her grandson.

Ruby Coolidge had Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cross and children and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and children for Christmas dinner and a family tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier had a year end party on Dec. 29. There were friends, neighbors and family for the end of year festival. Their new neighbors came. They are from Long Island, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pelleter from Manchester, N.H. came for the New Year weekend.

My step-son, Kevin Mercer's National Guard Unit on Cape Cod has been called to active duty. They muster at Ft. Devens, Mass. by Jan. 12. From there I don't know.

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Upton

By ARLINE BERNIER

The license forms for Upton dogs have been received by the town clerk. The 1991 applications for resident and non-resident hunting and fishing licenses are in the Upton town office.

The Berniers of Heritage Farm entertained the following family members for a Christmas get-together Sunday, Dec. 23: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Korhonen and Warren of Mason Township; Melanie F'orner and Ron Dunning of Manchester; Lou and Ellen Bernier of Greenbelt, Md.; Joe Penny, Neil and Jennie of Lowell, and Laurie French and sons Joseph and Benjamin of Upton.

A radio pastor recounted the story of a trannitting station built on a hill in Germany during Hitler's reign. It is a beautiful building dressed with marble and wood for Hitler's use. During the last several months before his downfall he was kept ignorant of the fact that Germany was losing the war and at one point he came to the studio to broadcast but was not aware that his spid was not heard beyond the four walls. Now the station is being used to broadcast the truth and the pastor used this illustration to show how what is meant for evil can be used for good. I am relating this as it might give courage to others also in regard to this horrible face-off and evil in Saudi Arabia which threatens the lives of so many people but especially our families and friends. God will turn all this into a blessing.

Horace and Patricia Goddruim delivered large boxes of edibles to senior citizens Dec. 24. Three refused acceptance earlier, one because his special diet made much of it useless to him.

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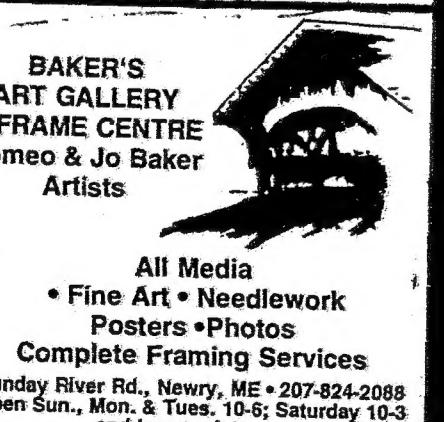
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Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

When I read about and was told about the "blue moon" I was determined to see it, if it was possible.

I looked out above the black line of woods at the sheets of light that were growing brighter on New Year's Eve. They were a moving band across the sky. A band that increased, faded, then again strengthened. Stars, many stars. The whole sky seemed alive. Soon there appeared the glow of the big round moon, the second for December. It was so full and indeed a winter moon in cold splendor. It wasn't a bit silvery but was one of ice, cold and distant. Where there was frosty snow it shimmered or gleamed. Out on the pond it danced and wove fantastic patterns. I could hear the groan of the ice down on Big Pond and also the sharp edge of the night wind. It made me feel cold. I found myself listening for the death-scream of an unwary rabbit or some other nightwalker, like the fox. I noted the hills, cold and white and the black line of the forest.

Presently a fox called away up toward the farm hill. It brought back my first memory of a barking fox; I hadn't the faintest idea what it was until I was told. How wild and weird among the ghost of hills. There is nothing to be compared with it. So wild. So I snuggled down to sleep imagining I could see him looking down at the moon?

There have been very many activities over the holidays. Milton and Eleanor Inman came to spend a few days at their camp, Maplewood. Eleanor came to see me New Years



day, also my niece Lillian and her husband Glenn Strait, who live in Freeport. From here we went to Rena Curtis' to get their son who was visiting his grandmother.

Steve Mitchell came to his trailer home from Florida for a couple of days. What a change in weather.

Fran and Debbie have been to Rhode Island to visit their families.

Fay Holt had surgery on her hand and it is doing well.

John and Dot Bettie have visited their daughter and family in New Hampshire.

Eva Felton and Kathy Curtis had a Christmas party at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perham spent New Years Eve at Maplewood with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Adams and children visited their people in New Hampshire over Christmas.

I have a white cactus plant in full bloom and of the many blossoms one pink.

On New Years morning my thermometer registered just zero degrees Fahrenheit, the coldest yet. I recall at this time of the season when it was minus 20 degrees or more as I walked to school.

At Andover...

Elderwood Manor Items

by Florence Hall

Supper guests at Anne Fox's on Sunday night were Nancy Fox of Bethel and Betsy York of South Paris.

Bus riders to Rumford on Wednesday were Gertrude Hutchins and Mary Thurston.

Florence Hall went shopping at Rumford with Marjorie McGuire on Thursday.

Elizabeth Sennett is home from

Thomaston, where she was visiting her daughter.

Alfred Marston of South Portland was visiting in Andover on Sunday.

Lucy Baker, Apt. 1, is an Avon representative in the Andover area, 392-2641.

Vern and Vada Glover and Faye Milligan called on Mary Thurston.

Thought for the day: Anyone who succeeds probably has done lots of jobs the losers didn't like to do.

Calvary Congregational Church

Rev. Donald Grover's message: "Christ, A Sign Spoken Against," Luke 2:34 and 35. Mission of Christ, Luke 2:34. Character of Christ, influence of Christ. He went to the cross and took mankind's sins on himself to those who believe and follow him.

The choir sang: "New Life."

Missionary moments: Pastor Grover read an article, "More than just a Carpenter," Paul and Penny Waite with their family leave for New Zealand Jan. 8 to begin their missionary work.

Communion was observed after the worship service.

Church events: Teen Club every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. all teens are welcome, lots of fun, fellowship and refreshments. Choir practice, 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. Prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

Quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The Historical Museum has a good central location in Woodstock, so everyone can use it. The program for the Jan. 12 meeting is a film on river driving and logging provided by Ray

Florence Hall.

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I put up and take down.

Burnham. President Olive Risko will also talk briefly on the Bill of Rights Howe who was home from Alaska visiting her parents.

One thing I forgot to mention in my column last week that affects the news is the weather. I'm not about to take the news up if the weather is bad Friday. Anything that is of a necessary or emergency nature I will get up if need be but I'm chicken when it comes to snow, fog, and especially sleet and rain and this little car we have is a standard which I am not used to and to top it off the starter won't work half the time. Since stalling a car with a standard transmission seems to be my favorite occupation, until we get the starter fixed I try to stay out of dangerous situations, which is why the first time I drove it I went to Bob's via Bethel. I got out into Route 26 but could not get across the skyway traffic so I figured I'd get turned around above Bob's somewhere. Ha, I think the traffic went back as far as Sunday River. To top it off the Catholic Church was just letting out so I got into a line of traffic going to Bethel. By the time I reached Bethel I pulled over to the side of the road and told John it was all his. By that time I'm sure he was nearly frozen with fear but he was too kind to say so. It took me the trip home and more to unlock my rigid muscles and get rid of my headache and I've been pretty wary ever since of what time I go to Bob's. Unfortunately I did not learn my lesson. We followed Ralph to the Vermont line on our way home, stopped at MacDonalds in Gorham, N.H. on the way back. I decided to drive, stalled the car getting back into traffic and held up everybody while we rocked it back to going again. Embarrassment is only one of the emotions I felt.

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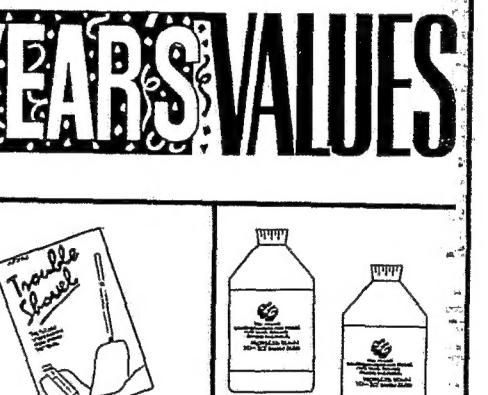
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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "House Calls"			Hogan	Hogan	M*A*S*H	Newhart		
(4) Rendezvous	Monitor	AC Clarke	Terra X	Beyond 2000	Adventure	Adventure	Vietnam			
(5) Scarecr.-King		Movie: "Dragnet"			700 Club Telethon		Scarecr.-King			
(6) Cosby	Night Court	Cosby	Dif. World	Cheers	Wings	L.A. Law	News	Tonight		
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Father Dowling	Gabriel's Fire		Primetime Live	News	Nightline			
(10) MacNeil/Lehrer	Maintewitch	Maine	Mystery!		Soviets	Stress	Fields			
(11) E.N.G.	L.A. Law		Movie: "Ghost Writer"		Ullman	Molly Dodd				
(12) VideoPM Cont'd	On Stage	Mus. Shop	Nashville Now		Crook	On Stage	Mus. Shop			
(13) Cur. Affair	Edition	Top Cops	Flash		Good Sprr.	Knots Landing	News	America		
(14) Rinksde	Tennis	Sail N.E.	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Chicago Blackhawks				Sports			
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live		Evening News		Moneyline	Sports		
(18E) Movie: "Man Outside"			Movie: "Dealers"			Movie: "The Phantom of the Opera"				
(20G) Bruins	NHL Hockey: Quebec Nordiques at Boston Bruins				College Basketball: USC at Arizona					
(21H) SportsCtr.	College Basketball: Memphis State at Louisville		College Basketball: Texas at Arkansas				SportsCtr.			
(22) Hap. Days	Jeffersons	Shaka Zulu			Movie: "Last Train From Gun Hill"					
(23J) Entrepr.	Profiles	MoneyTalk	Focus	Business	Insiders	Entrepr.	Profiles	Art	Focus	
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Bewitched	Gr. Acres	Dragnet	Best/SNL	2Night	Hitchcock	Gr. Acres	
(26M) Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote		Movie: "Amazing Stories: The Movie III"				Miami Vice			
(27N) Survival	WW I	World	Seas	Movie: "Death in Venice"						
(29P) "Grease"	Movie: "Lords of the Deep"		Movie: "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"			Inside the NFL				
(31R) "Cheetah"	Emerald	Movie: "Freeze Frame"		Movie: "Touched by Love"			Nat'l Velt			
(32S) Comedy	Boss?	Movie: "Blackbeard's Ghost"		News		50 Years	Comedy			
(34U) Jeannie	Night Court	Movie: "Perfect Witness"		News		Night Court	Ghost			

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 13, 1991										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Movie: "Oh, God!"					Sportsbeat	Jesse Jackson	Manager	Rabbis		
(4) Best of the BBC		Alien World			ACE Awards			Wings		
(5) Rin Tin Tin	Stallion	Bordertown	Zorro		ACE Awards			Win, Walk		
(6) Super Bloopers & Jokes	Real Life	Expose			Dark Shadows			News	Sports	
(8) Life Goes On	Videos	Funniest			Movie: "Held Hostage: The Sis and Jerry Levin Story"			Reunion		
(10) Winter	Drain	Nature			Masterpiece Theatre			Mystery!		
(11) Int'l Med.	Milestones	Physicians' Jnl			ACE Awards			Information		
(12) American Sports Cavalcade	NHRA	Racing	Bill Dance	Bassmaster	Outdoors	Speed	Truckin'			
(13) 60 Minutes		Movie: "Witness"					Designing Women	Lifestyles		
(14) NHL Hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Philadelphia Flyers			Golf	Sports	UWF Wrestling					
(17D) Newswatch	Sport Sun.	PrimeNews			Week in Review	Evening News	Business	Sports		
(18E) Movie: "Strike It Rich"			Movie: "Tango & Cash"			Movie: "Take Two"				
(20G) College Basketball: USC at Arizona St.			College Hockey: St. Lawrence at Boston University				Baseball			
(21H) SportsCtr.	NFL	Wide World of Sports	Boxing				SportsCenter			
(22) Movie: "Five Card Stud"					ACE Awards			Beauty		
(23J) Sports Newswheel		Sports Newswheel					Sports Newswheel			
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Looney	Bewitched		ACE Awards			Gr. Acres		
(26M) Movie: "This Gun for Hire"			Counterstrike		The Equalizer		Miami Vice			
(27N) Vietnam War	Nippon: Japan	Ancient Lives			Revue	Caroline's Comedy Hour				
(29P) Young Ein	Movie: "The Naked Gun"		Movie: "Top Gun"			Dream On	1st & Ten			
(31R) Movie: "The Brave Little Toaster"	Dragon	British Rock: 1st Wave	Movie: "The Man Without a Country"				Colour			
(32S) Movie		Run for Your Life	News	Cinema	Paid Program					
(34U) "Bordertown Trail"		Movie: "The Seduction of Joe Tynan"	News		Monsters	Today/FBI				

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 11, 1991										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Coin' South"			Hogan	M*A*S*H	Newhart			
(4) Rendezvous	Monitor	Wild Things	War	Firepower	Timewatch	Safari				
(5) Big Jake	Mansion	Movie: "Father Was a Fullback"			700 Club Telethon	Bordertown	Bordertown			
(6) College Hockey: Maine at Northeastern					NAACP Image Awards	News	Tonight			
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Full House	Family	Strangers	Go Places	20/20	News	Nightline		
(10) MacNeil/Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Flame Trees of Thika	No, Honestly!	Red Dwarf	Sayle				
(11) E.N.G.	L.A. Law	Movie: "Foreign Body"			Ullman	Molly Dodd				
(12) VideoPM Cont'd	On Stage	Texas	Nashville Now		Crook	On Stage	Texas			
(13) Cur. Affair	Edition	Guns of Paradise	Dallas	Sons and Daughters	News	America				
(14) Pregame	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics		Sports	Sports	NBA Basketball					
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live		Evening News		Moneyline	Sports		
(18E) Movie: "Sinbad & Eye of Tiger"		Movie: "Cobra"		Movie: "Lethal Weapon 2"		11 Days				
(20G) College Hockey: Clarkson at Boston University		Women's College Basketball: Prov. at BC				Tennis				
(21H) SportsCtr.	Ski World	Skating: Men's Downhill		Swimming: World Champ.		SpeedWk.	SportsCtr.			
(22) Hap. Days	Jeffersons	Shaka Zulu		Movie: "Big Jake"						
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(26M) Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote	Hitchcock	Bradbury	Hitchhiker	Swamp	Miami Vice				
(27N) Survival	WW I	Movie: "A Piece of the Action"		Rock 'n' Roll		Estelle Getty				
(29P) "Batman" Cont'd	Movie: "The War of the Roses"		Movie: "Black Rain"							
(31R) Movie: "The Black Stallion"		Movie: "The Bear"				Anna & King				
(32S) Comedy	Boss?	Owen Marshall	Switch		News		Cinema	Comedy		
(34U) Jeannie	Night Court	Movie: "Legal Eagles"		News	H'mooneer	Secrets				

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 14, 1991										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "The Great Train Robbery"			Hogan	M*A*S*H	Newhart			
(4) Rendezvous	Monitor	Safari	Thaw-Warrior		World Away					
(5) Scarecr.-King	Beauty and the Beast</									

Withdrawal

Continued from page 1
up part of the revenue lost by the district if Newry pulls out. To maintain the same program levels, the remaining towns in the district would have to raise an additional \$40,000 if they do not accept any of Newry's children or a tuition base. Even with tuitioning of Newry students back to SAD #44, there would be a budget deficit of roughly \$200,000 a year, assuming no district programs and services were cut.

The report adds that with the present financial problems at the state level, the money available for school funding may be even less than present levels. With the loss of Newry's tax base and a possible loss of state revenue, property taxes in other area towns would soar, or programs and services provided by the district would have to be cut substantially.

Also proposed by the committee as an argument against withdrawal is the town's dependency on Sunday River Ski Resort for tax revenue.

"The potential decline or future closure of the ski area could reduce the tax valuation of the town to the point where paying for its own educational program would be an unacceptable burden," states the report. "Rejoining the district if this were to happen would be a humiliating problem. Without the tax base Newry would be a liability instead of an asset to the remaining towns and human nature being what it is, it is even likely that the

resentment created by Newry's earlier withdrawal would cause the other towns to refuse to accept Newry."

Other possible negative effects of Newry's withdrawal listed in the report are: the limited number of classroom options available should personality conflicts occur between students, teachers, or parents; the lack of extracurricular and social activities for seventh and eighth graders; the difficulty in hiring specialist teachers for art, music, special education, etc.; the increased travel time for high school students who might attend Mountain Valley High School in Rumford; and the difficulty adjusting to a new environment some students may have if they leave a small Newry elementary school for a larger secondary school.

Costs to individual parents is another possible problem. The town has a written agreement with Gould Academy that it will accept Newry high school students who pass the entrance exam, but there is no guarantee that the full \$8,000 tuition for Gould Academy will be covered by the town or scholarship programs. This may result in parents paying as much as \$1,700 per student, per year to matriculate their high school students at Gould Academy.

"In closing," the report sums up, "the decision to leave the district would mean facing the unknown future without the broad-base support of the other towns." The report also poses the

question: "a recent increase in testing scores at Telstar shows that improvements in quality are happening, so why leave when things are getting better?"

THE CASE FOR

The report then outlines some of the reasons why may be the time for Newry to leave the district. These include the perception that the town pays too much to educate its few students, that it has little control over either how the money is spent or the quality of education the money buys, and that it might be able to save money by educating its own students.

During this school year Newry will pay about \$729,000, or 25 percent of the local taxes paid into SAD #44, to educate approximately 50 students.

The report argues that this is too much money to pay for educating so few students.

Property valuations determine how much school taxes each district town pays. In the early 1960s, when the district was formed, Bethel had by far the largest property valuations and the largest number of pupils to educate.

"In 1964 an equitable situation existed in that the majority of the expense was borne by the town with the best ability to pay, the same town that had the most kids to educate," says the report.

But, it goes on, "Over the course of the next 25 years this changed dramatically. Comparing the situation today it is clear that a less equitable condition has developed and it will continue to get more extreme."

Newry's tax base has increased steadily over the last three years, most of the increase in valuation has been due to expansion and development at Sunday River Ski Resort, and the report predicts that Newry may overtake Bethel in property valuation in the near future. As a result, the report contends, the present cost funding formula has become unfair to Newry.

On a more basic level, the report questions the value of a school administrative district as a way to educate area children.

The report says that historically it was up to individual towns to educate their own students. The formation of districts was supposed to even out the quality of education by pooling the financial resources of member towns together.

"Over the years the other four towns in the district have gotten used to this subsidy [from Newry] and have not spent the money required to educate their students," says the report.

"Without Newry these towns will see the true cost of education. The remaining towns will have to make short term budget adjustments but the result will be a more efficient system for everyone."

The report further argues, that it might be possible to improve the quality of education for the town's students by pulling out of the district.

One way the town may provide a

better education to its students is by building its own elementary school and sending some of its secondary students to Gould Academy, says the report.

At the elementary level, a small student/teacher ratio and less exposure to potentially harmful outside influences may provide Newry students with a better education than they receive in SAD #44, the report contends.

The report also says that because of advances in computer technology and telecommunications, Newry elementary students will have equal access to the information and equipment formerly available only to larger systems.

At the secondary level, the withdrawal plan calls for Gould Academy to be the primary educator of the town's high school students, with Mountain Valley High School in Rumford as the public school alternative.

Regarding the quality of education high school students would receive at Gould Academy, the report says, "We are fortunate to have a school with excellent educational and extracurricular facilities so nearby."

The report also says that if individual students wish to go to Telstar High School, and the SAD #44 board accepts them, the town will pay for their tuition.

By withdrawing from the district Newry also hopes to save taxpayers some money.

The report estimates the town would save \$400,000 the first year after withdrawal, and about \$30,000 per year in subsequent years, and still more money as the debt service on the proposed elementary school is gradually paid off.

But while Newry may save money educating its own students, the report predicts that other district towns will continually be asked for increasing amounts of money to pay SAD #44's bills.

The report also claims that the building of a new school in Newry will give them an increased sense of identity, as well as a new place for community involvement and interaction.

The report concludes by saying, "When we send our children out of town for their education, we lose a most important ingredient of town life. This may be the best time to make the move to more independence. In the next few years the school district will be building an addition to the Crescent Park School in Bethel. Newry will be responsible for a substantial part of the cost of this project if it remains in the district. We are capable of investing in our own town and the education of our own kids. If we are ever going to do it now is the time."

The Newry Educational Committee will meet next on Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The town's educational consultants are scheduled to also be present. The committee encourages interested persons to attend and to comment at any of its meetings.

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News from the Bethel Area

Health Center

The Bethel Area Health Center and SAD #44 will be offering a series of Cabin Fever classes starting the week of Jan. 7.

There will be three aerobics classes beginning: early morning, 6:15-7:15, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; lunch hour, noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; and evening classes, 6:15-7:15, Tuesday and Thursday.

Eating for a Healthy Heart, presented by Wendy Pollack of the Extension Service, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 7-9 p.m. at Telstar.

A Healthy Back class will also be offered on Jan. 23 and 30, presented by the Health Center's Physical Therapist, Mary Rossi.

Jeanine Thornton will again be teaching both CPR and Standard First-Aid. Standard First-Aid will occur on Jan. 17 and 24 from 6-10 p.m. and CPR will be presented on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 from 6-9 p.m.

Please call the Adult Education office at 824-2700 to register.

The Health Center will also host several community groups on a continuing basis.

OA meets in the upstairs conference

Weaver Thomas Patton exhibit to open at Gould

The Owen Art Gallery will host an opening reception for the works of Maine weaver Thomas Patton on Friday, Jan. 11, from 7-9 p.m.

His hand-woven rugs will be on display in the Owen Gallery on the Gould Academy campus until Feb. 8.

At the opening, the artist will also be performing on the drums with his jazz trio, Cafe No. The public is invited to attend the Jan. 11 reception, view the works and meet Mr. Patton. This is no charge.

The Owen Gallery is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends by appointment.

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room on Mondays and Fridays from 4-5 p.m. Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays in the upstairs conference room from 4-5 p.m. The LeLoche League will begin meeting on Jan. 8 from 7-9 p.m. for monthly meetings. It is not yet determined exactly where they will meet in the center.

Weight Watchers will also begin meeting, Jan. 9 in the upstairs conference room from 4:15-5:30 p.m. on a weekly basis. If you are a community group that would like to meet at the Health Center please call us at 824-2193 and we will try to accommodate your group.

Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

We met on Jan. 3 for our regular meeting.

Since our last meeting we have presented Christmas gifts to two veterans in Ledgeview Nursing Home, contributed \$25 worth of wrapping supplies to Christmas for Children and assisted two children whose mother had been called to active service as a result of Operation Desert Shield.

Plans were made to assist the Post in serving a public supper on Saturday, Feb. 2. It will feature a choice of spaghetti and meatballs or homemade beans and hotdogs with salads, rolls, etc., and gingerbread and whipped cream for dessert.

We are also assisting the Post with the drawing on Feb. 7, which is the date of our next meeting. At that time the Unit will begin a study of the Bill of Rights, what led to it, how it evolved and what it provides. 1991 is the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights.

Remember these dates: Feb. 2 is the public supper and Feb. 7 is the date of the next meeting, when the winning raffle tickets will be drawn.

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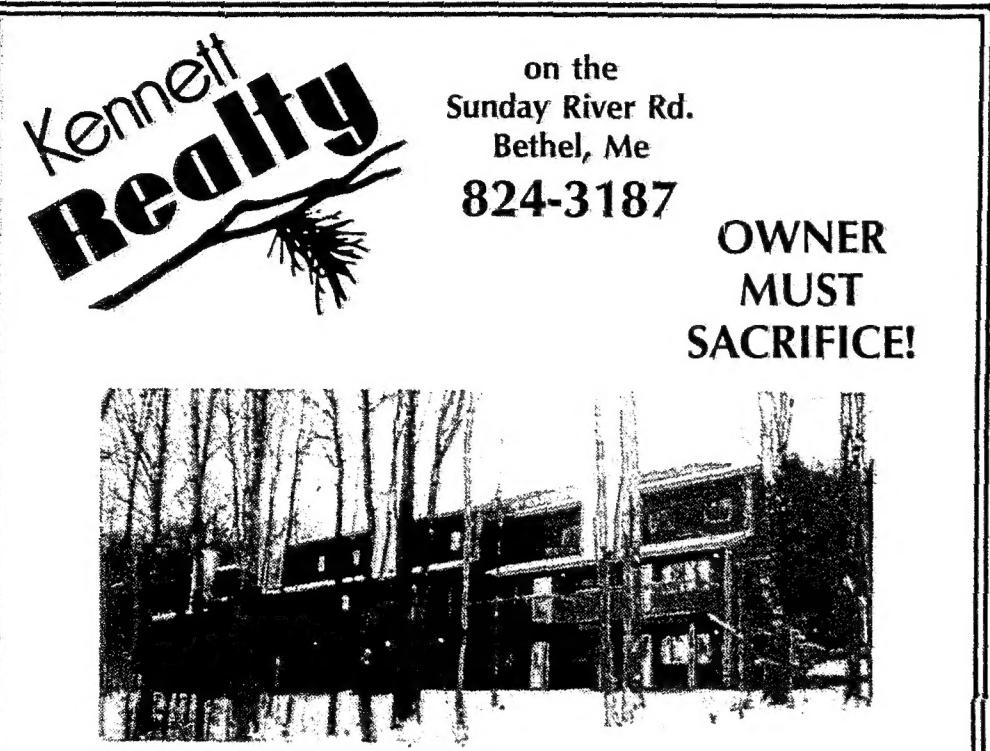
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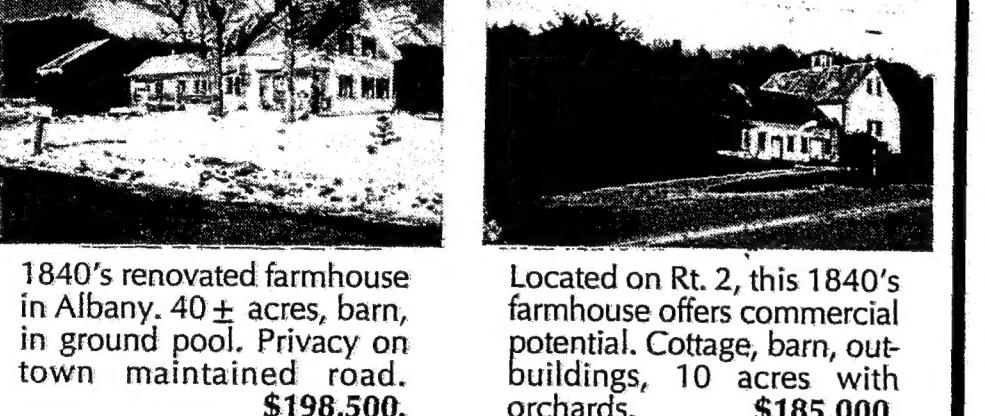
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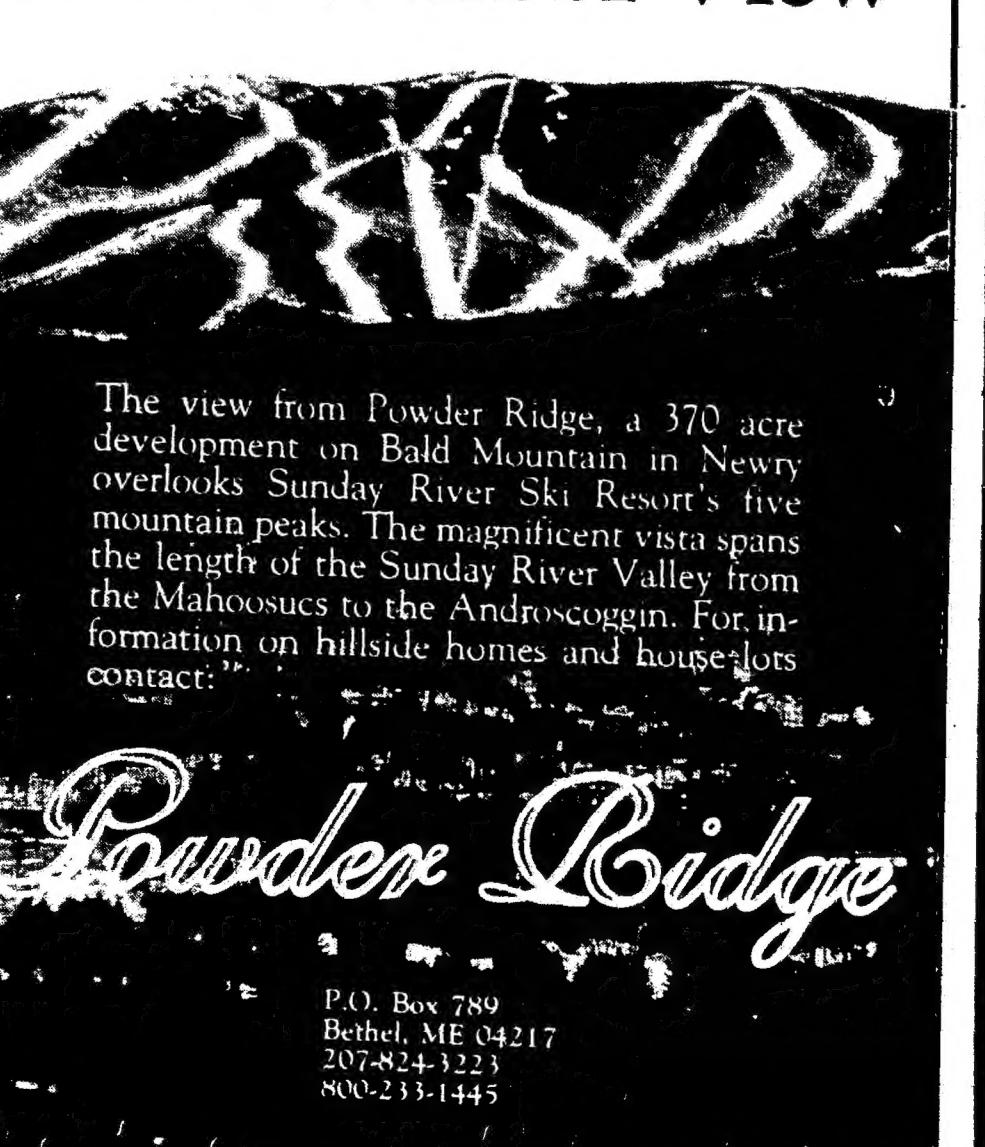
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Obituaries

ELLIS L. "SLIM" OLSON

Ellis L. "Slim" Olson, 76, of 105 Rheims St., Berlin, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 31, 1990 at the Coos County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, N.H.

He was born in Wilsons Mills, July 5, 1914, the son of Lewis and Agnes (Limpell) Olson and had lived most of his life in Wentworth Location, N.H., moving to Berlin, N.H. in 1965. Before illness forced his retirement, Mr. Olson was employed as a New Hampshire fire warden. He also was the Wentworth Location postmaster prior to the closing of the post office.

He was a member of the New Hampshire Fire Fire Warden's Association and a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Berlin, N.H.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis (Turner) Olson of Berlin, N.H.; three sons, Roger of Greene, Paul of Keene, N.H., and Kevin McCall of Portsmouth, N.H.; two daughters, Joanne Holmes of Norfolk, Va. and Mrs. Leslie Aubin of Berlin, N.H.; three brothers, Clifford of Concord, N.H., Warren of Vermont and John of Massachusetts; five sisters, Beatrice Burris and Mary Angevine, both of Bethel, Hazel Moody of Wilsons Mills, Evelyn Pudyah of Windsor, Vt., and Irene Sweeney of Lunenburg, Vt.; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3 at the Bryant Funeral Home Chapel, Berlin, N.H. with interment in the Wentworth Location Cemetery, Wentworth Location, N.H.

MARION F. HALL

Mariion F. Hall, 95, formerly of Bethel, died Dec. 21, 1990 at Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris.

Born at Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 6, 1895, she was the daughter of Albert Foster and Irene Mervow. She was educated in Boston and graduated

from Boston Girls Latin School. Mrs. Hall lived in Bethel for more than 35 years, coming from Dorchester, Mass. She married Ralph S. Hall on Aug. 14, 1919. He died April 14, 1969. Mrs. Hall was a housewife for most of her life and worked at John Hancock Insurance Company as a typist. She was a member of the West Parish Congregational Church of Bethel.

Survivors include one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in her memory to the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel.

NATHAN N. ILSLEY

Nathan N. Ilsley, 73, died Sunday morning, Jan. 6, 1991, at his residence on Morse Hill Road, North Paris, following a long illness.

He was born at Newburyport, Mass., on Nov. 3, 1917, the son of Ralph and Florence Nicholson Ilsley. He was educated in Amesbury, Mass. schools. He was a World War II veteran of service with the U.S. Army in the Middle East. He married Roberta Crawford on Jan. 9, 1965. Mr. Ilsley was a layout operator for Western Electric for 23 years before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Union Congregational Church of Amesbury, Mass., where he served as deacon for many years, and was a member of its men's club. He also was a member of the VFW Post of Amesbury, Mass. He has resided in North Paris for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife of North Paris; his mother, also of North Paris; four sons, Robert, Thomas and Scott, all of North Paris, and Roger Young of Rockland, Mass.; a daughter, Heather Ilsley of Rumford; a brother, David Proctor of Canada; a sister, Jane Fowle of Amesbury, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Andrews Funeral Home, Rumford.

Memorial services will be held today, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Andrews

Funeral Home, South Woodstock, with interment in the North Paris Cemetery. Those who wish may make donations in his memory to Tri-Town Ambulance, P.O. Box 375, West Paris, Me., 04289.

NELLIE H. BEEDY

Nellie H. Beedy, 98, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, at Ledgeview Nursing Home, where she had resided for the past 1 1/2 years. She had resided previously at Concord Apartments in Rumford and had lived in Rumford and Mexico all her life.

She was born in Mexico on Oct. 16, 1892, the daughter of Arad and Effie Burgess Howard. She attended local schools and was a former member of Swift River Grange 107 in Mexico. She was married in Mexico on Feb. 20, 1915, to Prince H. Beedy; he died in Rumford on Aug. 24, 1963.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Verina Mason of Rumford; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held today, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m. at Mender and Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin St., Rumford, with Rev. Robert H. Plummer officiating. Interment in the spring at Greenwood Cemetery, Dixfield.

DAVID R. WENTWORTH JR.

David R. Wentworth Jr., 66, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Bryant Pond and Gardiner, died unexpectedly Thursday morning, Dec. 27, 1990, in Ocala, Fla.

He was born March 17, 1924 in Malden, Mass., the son of David R. and Viola Lieber Wentworth. He was educated in Maine and was a graduate of Lisbon Falls High School. A veteran of World War II, he served with the U.S.M.C. from 1941-47, and worked in various positions in the private sector in Connecticut and Maine between 1948-62. He joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1962 where he attained the

rank of Major, and subsequently joined the Maine Army National Guard in 1965 where he was Sgt. Major of Troop Command until his retirement in March 1984. He had resided in Florida since November 1987.

He married Roxanna Young, formerly of Gardiner, on Aug. 27, 1979, who survives. He is also survived by three sons, Brian Kirk of Bellbrook, Ohio, Marc Alan of Bryant Pond, and Stuart Neal of Mexico; one daughter, Vicki Lynn (Mrs. Kevin) Costelloe of Montgomery, Ala.; two brothers, Dale of North Carolina and James of Skowhegan; two sisters, Ruth (Mrs. Rupert) Hiltz of Farmington and Norma (Mrs. Donald) Greenleaf of Gorham; three grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Also surviving is his former wife, Mary H. Wentworth of Bryant Pond. He was predeceased by a son, Eric Jon, on June 2, 1979.

He was buried at Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., with full military honors on Dec. 31, 1990. Those desiring may send contributions in his memory to the building fund at the Faith Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1300, Marion Oaks, Fla., 32675.

ALONZO F. CHAPMAN

Alonzo F. Chapman, 73, of San Antonio, Texas died Monday, Dec. 31, 1990 at Humana Hospital of Pasco, Texas.

A native of Bethel, he moved to Texas 14 years ago from Tampa, Fla. He was a retired sanitation superintendent, a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose 2276, Fleet Reserve Assoc., Bethel Historical Society, and the Leo Abey Goff Course.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; one daughter, Maria of San Diego; two sons, Mark Alan, of Houston, and Gary Sam of Tampa; a brother, Paul S. of Palmetto, Texas; and one sister, Sally Viricel of Brewer, Ocala, Fla.

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I wish to express my special thanks to my family, relatives and friends for the Christmas cards, gifts and visits during the Holidays. Sincere thanks to the Cross Country Quilters for completing my quilt for me to have to use; it is most beautiful and I have it folded on my bed. To the Bethel Senior Citizens for the bud vase, I thank you, so very much; I keep it on my bed stand. Finally my deep appreciation to the West Parish Congregational Church for the lovely poinsettia and to Rev. Brendon and Rev. Jean Bass for bringing it to me. It has four beautiful blossoms, and I have shared it with the other people at the boarding home by keeping it on the TV in the living room. May God bless you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Happy New Year!

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